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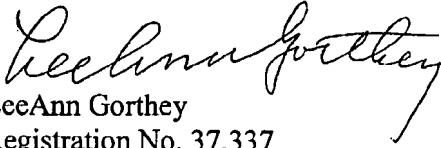
In accordance with 37 CFR §41.33(b), amendments filed on or after the date of filing a brief pursuant to §41.37 may be admitted:

- (1) To cancel claims, where such cancellation does not affect the scope of any other pending claim in the proceeding, or
- (2) To rewrite dependent claims into independent form.

Because the amendments currently submitted are limited to categories (1) and (2) above, Appellants request that these amendments be admitted and entered prior to consideration of the enclosed Appeal Brief.

In view of these amendments and the accompanying Appeal Brief, Appellants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and patentably define over the prior art, and urge the Board to overturn the Examiner's rejections.

Respectfully submitted,


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